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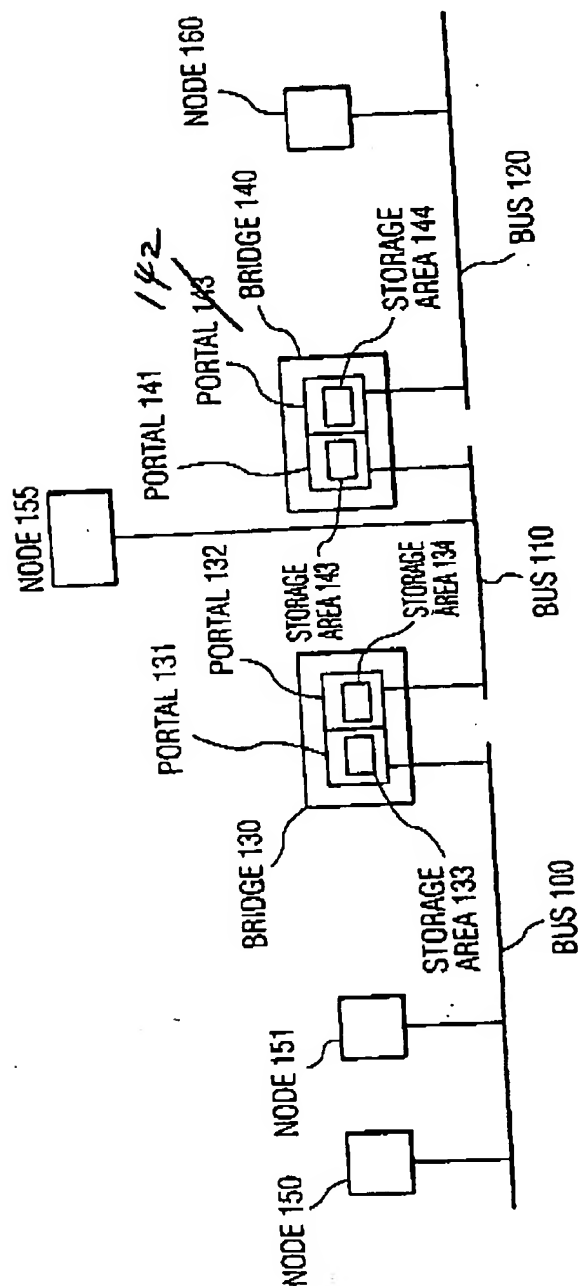
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A replacement sheet 1 is enclosed. It includes the changes in the original reference character "PORTAL 143" into -PORTAL 142-. Accordingly, the corresponding drawing objection is believed to be overcome.

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